

2. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the reissue application, including the claims.

3. I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

4. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or §365(b), of the foreign applications for patent listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
Japan	8-155501	June 17, 1996	Yes
Japan	8-155502	June 17, 1996	Yes

5. I believe that the original U.S. Patent 6,028,963 is partly inoperative by reason of my having claimed more than I had the right to claim; specifically, the claim language "and for encoding the second prediction error

difference on the basis of the judged appearing and unappearing prediction error differences" should not have been included in Claims 1, 7, and 8. During the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/874,581, which matured into the above-identified U.S. Patent, I did not appreciate that the above-quoted claim language should not have been included in Claims 1, 7, and 8. After that patent issued, I noticed that the above-quoted claim language should not have been included in Claims 1, 7, and 8. It also was noticed that minor errors appeared throughout the Patent, and that those errors could and should have been corrected during the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/874,581 as shown by the underlines and brackets in the present reissue application. All errors which are being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intent on my part.

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